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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claim 1 has been amended.

Claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A display module comprising:

a display panel including a display layer sandwiched between two plates and a terminal pattern connected with an electrode for driving the display layer and formed on edge portions of the display panel; and

a flexible board including a main portion that has an electrode ~~terminal~~ terminals for establishing electrical connection with the terminal pattern and has a geometry approximately the same as that of the display panel, and a connector portion connected to the electrode terminal and used for establishing connection with an external circuit, wherein

the terminal pattern of the display panel is provided on a common surface of one of the plates along three side edges, the common surface facing the display layer,

the electrode terminals of the flexible board are provided at edge portions on a common surface of the main portion so as to correspond to the terminal pattern of the display panel,

the flexible board is integrated with the display panel by overlapping the main portion with the display panel so that only one surface of the display panel faces a surface of the main portion on which the electrode terminal is disposed, with only the common surface of the main portion facing the common surface of the plate so that the electrode terminals face the terminal pattern, and

the electrode terminals are connected with the terminal pattern using an electrically conductive tape or an electrically conductive adhesive.

~~the terminal pattern of the display panel is positioned on the one surface facing the main portion of the flexible board;~~

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~~the electrode terminal is arranged so as to face the terminal pattern and connected with the terminal pattern, and~~

~~a driver IC for driving the display panel is mounted on the main portion of the flexible board so as to be disposed at a region corresponding to the display panel, the driver IC being interposed between the flexible board and the display panel.~~

2. (Canceled)
3. (Original) The display module according to claim 1, wherein the display panel includes two laminated plates between which the display layer is sealed, and the terminal pattern is formed on a surface of one of the two plates, which is not in contact with the flexible board, the surface facing the flexible board.
4. (Previously Presented) The display module according to claim 3, wherein the display layer is made of liquid crystal sealed within a gap between the two plates included in the display panel.
5. (Original) The display module according to claim 1, wherein the display layer is made of organic substances that emit light in response to electrical stimulation.